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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE LEADER ACCUSES ZAIRE OF INTERFERENCE IN  
ANGOLA

1. BRUSSELS DAILY LE SOIR MAY 5 CARRIED INTERVIEW GRANTED  
MAY 2 TO SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT BY ADMIRAL ROSA COUTINHO,  
MEMBER OF PORTUGUESE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, ON SUBJECT  
OF RECENT BLODDY CLASHES BETWEEN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS  
IN ANGOLA. ACCORDING TO LE SOIR, COUTINHO SAID THAT  
PORTUGAL HAS BEEN UNABLE TO BRING ABOUT DECOLONIZATION  
OF ANGOLA SMOOTHLY ONLY BECAUSE OF "FOREIGN INTERFERENCE."

2. NOTING THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THREE LIBERATION  
MOVEMENTS AT ALVOR HAD RESULTED IN ESTABLISHMENT OF  
SYSTEM OF EQUILIBRIUM INVOLVING ALL THREE MOVEMENTS,  
COUTINHO ACCUSED ZAIRE OF DISTURBING THAT EQUILIBRIUM.  
HE IS QUOTED FURTHER AS SAYING THAT ZAIRE IS GIVING  
INCREASING SUPPORT TO THE FNLA "WHICH HAS ALREADY  
ALMOST QUADRUPLD ITS OWN FORCES IN ANGOLA, SURPASSING  
BY FAR THE NUMBER ESTABLISHED AT THE TIME OF THE  
ALVOR AGREEMENT," AND THAT TROUBLE IS BEING PROVOKED  
AS WELL BY CHIPENDA FACTION, "WHICH BEHAVES AS A  
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CAPITAL AND DOES SO WITH THE PUBLIC SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE." COUTINHO REPORTEDLY STATED THAT ZAIRE IS PERHAPS NOT ONLY COUNTRY TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANGOLA AND THAT "IT IS CERTAINLY THE INTERMEDIARY OF FOREIGN INTERESTS."

3. ASKED ABOUT PORTUGUESE ATTITUDE TOWARD PRESENT SITUATION IN ANGOLA, COUTINHO REPLIED THAT PORTUGUESE MUST MAINTAIN EQUILIBRIUM AMONG ALL PARTIES AND PROTECT ORDER UNTIL INDEPENDENCE, BUT THAT THIS COULD ONLY BE DONE WITH COOPERATION OF ALL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. FIRESTONE

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